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OUTLINES.

Three firemen were killed and two others badly injured in a fire at Brooklyn, N. Y. —— President Roosevelt will not be arbitrator in the Venezuela dispute; the whole matter will be referred to The Hague tribunal. —— Twenty five or thirty persons were killed in the railroad train wreck near Trinidad, Colorado, Wednesday night. —— Mr. Ed. Gay, near Matthews, Ga., was murdered and robbed in his store, Christmas eve. —— The coldest weather of the season is reported in Alabama and Tennessee. —— A Georgia Northern train wrecked; two passenger coaches and mail and express burned. —— The reported sale of the Georgia Northern railroad to the A. C. L. is denied. —— Mrs. Langtry, the actress, arrived at New York yesterday from Liverpool. —— Negro who killed a policeman at Pittsburg, Kansas, was taken from jail and hanged by a mob. —— Dr. Alex. Graham Bell denies that he has invented a flying machine. —— A man and woman were killed by a gasoline explosion on a house boat on the Ohio river. —— A block of buildings at Schenectady, N. Y., burned; loss $100,000. —— One man killed and three men injured on the Erie railroad near Ridgewood, New Jersey. —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 6@15 per cent.; cotton quiet at 8 75; and rosin firm; spirits turpentine dull. Flour was quiet with a moderate trade. Wheat—Spot steady. No. 2 red 84c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 63c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2, 38 @ 38½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 26.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 P. M., 29 degrees; 8 P. M., 39 degrees; maximum, 45 degrees; minimum, 25 degrees; mean, 35 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 3.26.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. Thursday, 9.8 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—For North Carolina: Fair, continued cold Saturday and Sunday; light to fresh north winds.

Port Almanac--December 27.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.51 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 34 M.
High Water at Southport.	6.41 P. M.
High Water Wilmington.	9.11 P. M.

Chas. M. Schwab is at Monte Carlo, but he isn't bucking the tiger, because it made such a racket in this country when he tried it about a year ago.

In 1879 Capt. John McLure and A. J. Sweeney were opposing candidates for Mayor of Wheeling, West Va., and now their sons are bucking up against each other for the same job.

Anna Held, the actress, holds $100.000 insurance on her life, for the benefit of her husband. She wanted to insure her pet poodle for $10,000 but the insurance companies held her off on that.

It is reported that Senator Teller, of Colorado, will have a hard fight to get back to the Senate. But Teller is one of those fellows who enjoys a scrap and never enjoys himself better than when put to his mettle.

A train on the Pennsylvania road clipped off 131 miles a few days ago in 123 minutes, including four full stops, and on the same day a train on the Lake Shore made the run from Toledo, O., to Elkhart, Ind., 134 miles in 127 minutes and most of in a dense fog.

The rumor is current that Chas. M. Schwab will be ousted from the job he holds as president of the U. S. Steel Trust. But as he says a poor man is happier than a rich one he has the consolation of knowing that he might be happier with a job that didn't pay so much.

Some of the denizens of the West came up snort on Christmas gifts Thursday. Between 700 and 800 sacks of Christmas mail, bound from New York for points in the West, were destroyed by a fire on the New York Central Railroad last Sunday.

That batch of young men on whom Dr. Wiley of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is experimenting with preserved meats, &c., is kicking because the cook is too precise in his weighing out their allowance, and doesn't give them enough. They are not afraid of the "pizen" stuff in their rations.

Consul General, Barlow, in the city of Mexico, reports that Americans have invested $500,000,000 in that country. About 70 per cent. of the money invested in railroads is American money. There are 1,117 American companies, firms and individuals, doing business there, and this is doubtless one of the telling factors in Mexico's progress and prosperity.

BURGLARS BOLD PAY AN XMAS VISIT.

Two Negro Men Make a Successful Raid on the Rock Spring Hotel—Entered the Rooms of Guests.

One of the boldest and most successful robberies that has taken place in Wilmington for many moons transpired Christmas morning. It was accomplished by two negro men and it was their boldness that crowned their nefarious efforts with success. The Rock Springs Hotel, on Chesnut street, between Front and Water, was the scene and its proprietor, Mr. Daniel M. Currie, suffered to the extent of losing about $42.

The robbery was committed at 1 o'clock in the morning, an entrance being effected through the main entrance of the hotel. After ransacking the first floor, where the money was obtained, the thieves went to the second floor and visited the rooms of several of the guests. One of the bold pair entered the room of a lady guest, a Mrs Applebry, while the other entered the room of Mr. F. J. Vincent. In each instance the occupant was awake at the time, but the intruder, with cool effrontery, quickly apologized for what he said was a mistake, and, being taken for a servant, escaped.

The thieves also broke into the cook's room and, as he was away at the time, carried out his trunk and placed it in the back yard, where it was rifled.

Mrs. Applebry did not obtain a sufficient look at the negro who entered her room to describe him, but is positive it was not the one who entered Mr. Vincent's room and who he described as of ginger cake color, about 5 feet 6 inches in height, and as wearing a soft hat and an overcoat. Consequently the theory, although there were other signs, that there were two robbers.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Christmas day passed off quietly and without serious accident.

— The steamer *City of Fayetteville* is expected to reach this port some time during the day.

— One of the handsomest and largest calanders of the year is being sent out by Messrs. Willard & Giles.

— Next Thursday the usual New Year's Handicap golf tournament for men will be played at the Cape Fear links.

— Justice Fowler yesterday tried Geo. Robinson, colored, for stealing a bag of peanuts and adjudged him not guilty.

— The British schooner *Havelock* cleared yesterday for Puerto Plata, with a cargo of lumber, doors, blinds and mouldings valued at $3,318 15.

— The members of the Alumni Association of the Wilmington High School are requested to meet at No. 412 North Front street at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon.

— Miss May Belle Sneed gave an elegant Christmas night reception at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Sneed, in honor of her charming guest, Miss Daisy Jones, of Danville, Va.

— This afternoon at 4 o'clock Justice McGowan will try a negro woman, Minnie Johnson, for knocking another negro woman, Ruth Beattie, in the head with a rock and robbing her of $2.00.

— The Sunday school of Immanuel Presbyterian church, corner Front and Queen streets, gave their Christmas tree last night. It was a delightful affair and a most novel programme was rendered.

— At Heading Bluff, Pender county, Christmas, Miss Tilley Durant and Mr. Daniel Pridgen were united in marriage. At Birla the same day the nuptials of Miss Bell Henderson and Mr. Alexander Pridgen were celebrated.

— The redistricting of the Atlantic Coast Line system will take place the first of the year. There will then be six districts where there are now three. Mr. J. A Fountain, of Richmond, will be in charge of the Wilmington district, with headquarters here.

— Alice Strickland, of Delgado, who came to the Xmas dinner with an older companion (girl) became sep perated from her, and has not yet reached home. Any information as to her should be left with Mr. H. J. Gerken or Chief-of-Police Furlong.

The remains of the Croatan woman, Henrietta Price, who was burned to death Christmas morning, were sent yesterday afternoon to her nephew, B. F. Ransom, at Pembroke, Robeson county. Dr. C. D. Bell, the coronor did not deem an inquest necessary. On the floor of the house in which the woman was burned Fire Chief Schnibben found a small box containing $53 in money.

Great Prophet Coming

Next Monday night both the big and little injuns of Wilmington will assemble with Eyoto Tribe No. 5, Improved Order of Red Men, to listen to words of wisdom from the State Great Prophet, Hill E. King, of Raleigh. He will be a welcome visitor.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. W. Plummer, Jr.—Oranges.
Woodmen of the World—Notice.
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Company—Winter schedule.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Sable tail mink fur.
Young Man—Wishes board.
W. M. Cumming—Sells real estate
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Gas heaters.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY.

Engineer Fisher of the Jones Fell Overboard and Died From the Shock.

HAPPENED AT SOUTHPORT.

Yesterday Afternoon the Tug Was About to Take a Tow When the Accident Occurred — The Funeral Tomorrow Afternoon.

While at his post of duty yesterday afternoon at Southport Engineer J. M. C. Fisher, of the tug *Alexander Jones*, fell overboard and died from the effects of the shock. It was a terrible tragedy and is one that will send an arrow of pain to many a heart in Wilmington.

The accident happened about 1 o'clock and in plain view of the dock at Southport. At the time the *Jones* had just started out to take a tow, the schooner *Rebecca A. Douglas*, lying in the stream, to New York. Mr. Fisher was standing outside his engine room and when the *Jones* was about half way to the *Douglas* he pitched head first over the bulwark, only about knee high, into the water. The accident was witnessed by people on the dock and a boat was immediately sent out to rescue Mr. Fisher, who had commenced to swim in the direction of the shore. About the same time a boat was lowered from the *Jones* and perceiving this Mr. Fisher changed his course and commenced to swim back to the tug. In the meantime Mr. H. C. Corlett, pilot of the *Jones*, had jumped overboard and was the first to reach Mr. Fisher, around whom he placed a line and he was pulled aboard the *Jones*. When he was rescued life was found to be just extinct, caused so, pronounced by the physicians, by the shock.

Mr. Fisher was about 40 years of age and a resident of Southport, although he was perfectly at home here. He was a man of strong character and popular with his fellowmen. As an engineer he was rated A1, and had been connected with the Cape Fear Towing and Transportation Company for many years. He was a member of Orion Lodge No. 69, Independent Order Odd Fellows, and Live Oak Camp No. 6, Woodmen of the World, both of this city. A wife and children are left to mourn his loss.

The funeral will take place at Southport to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Woodmen and Odd Fellows will both attend and the former has an official notice in to-day's issue. The steamer *Wilmington* will go down to Southport at 10 o'clock in the morning and a low passage rate has been made for all who wish to attend the funeral.

It is not known just how the accident occurred; whether Mr. Fisher stumbled and fell over the bulwark, or whether he was taken sick and fell overboard, to be revived the next moment by the cold water.

HANES-CONNOR NUPTIALS.

High School Principal Takes Unto Himself a Charming Wife.

Wilmington folks will read with interest the Raleigh *News and Observer's* account of the marriage of Prof. R. D. W. Connor, principal of the High School, this city, and Miss Sadie Hanes, of Mocksville, N. C., which took place at the latter place Tuesday. It is as follows:

"Miss Sadie Hanes and Mr. Robert Diggs Wimberly Connor were married this evening at 4 o'clock at "Oakland," the palatial residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hanes. The affair was indeed a very impressive and joyous one. The drawing rooms and dinning hall were tastily decorated in lovely palms and cut flowers. In the spacious hall where the ceremony was performed, mistletoe, ferns and palms were used in profusion as a back ground for the altar.

"At 3:45 Miss England rendered very charmingly, Rubenstein's melody in F and promptly at 4 o'clock to the soft strains of the Lohengrin wedding march, entered the bridal party in the following order: Miss Kate Connor, sister of the groom, and Miss Daisy Hanes, cousin of the bride, in soft white gowns with green sashes, they carrying the broad white satin bridal ribbons, forming an aisle, up which came the maid of honor, Miss Mary Hanes, sister of the bride, in white organdie, carrying a lovely bouquet of red carnations. Next came the bride leaning on the arm of her father, who gave her to the groom who, with his best man, Mr. David Marion Connor, came from the left of the drawing room. Following the bride came Masters Frank and Robert Hanes, brother and cousin of the bride, who looped up the bridal ribbons very effectively and stood on either side of the altar, and while the "Evening Star" from Tannhauser was softly played the Rev. W. L. Sherrill pronounced the solemn and beautiful words of the marriage service.

"The bride was charmingly gowned in a dainty creation of white crepe de chine, chiffon and duchess lace. Her shower bouquet was white carnations and on her hair she wore a wreath of real orange blossoms. From 4:30 to 6 o'clock a reception was held for the relatives and friends present. Misses Adelaide Gaither and Laura Sanford received with the bridal party, while Miss Booe and Miss Alice Lee invited the guests into the dining room, where refreshments were served by six little cousins of the bride.

"The bride is a very lovely and charmiog woman, possessing many friends throughout the State, and the groom is a son of Associate Justice H. G. Connor. He was educated at the State University, and at present is principal of the Wilmington High School.

"Mr. and Mrs. Connor left on the evening train for Wilson, N. C., to spend the holidays with the groom's parents."

I will make sittings until Saturday, January 3rd. Will be open New Year's day. Paul M. Taylor.

THE AFTER-CHRISTMAS THEATRICAL ATTRACTIONS

Splendid Line of Big New York Productions Booked for January and February—Next Week at Academy.

Now that the Yuletide season is "on" one's thoughts naturally turn to things theatrical, along with other forms of apropos merriment. Though there has been a dearth of attractions for the last fortnight, yet the season has been a flattering one and, with but two exceptions, was composed of first class attractions, such as Frank Daniels, Paul Gilmore, the Gordon-Shay Grand Opera Company, Quinlan & Wall's Imperial Minstrels, "Reaping the Harvest," "When We Were Twenty-One," "Human Hearts," etc. This line of before Christmas attractions has never been surpassed here, though it is true that it is not the quantity but the quality; yet, numerically speaking, the number of performances so far this season exceeds that of last.

After-Christmas, especially January, is to bring forth some of the leading attractions on the road, including "The Village Postmaster," Kathryn Kidder, "Arizona," Hello Bill" and others.

It was intended for the holiday offering to be a popular priced one, the Lacy and Lyons Stock Company, but Christmas eve a wire was received saying that Miss Lyons, the leading lady, was sick and that the company would be unable to leave Philadelphia. This attraction was said to be a strong one and was to have jumped direct from Philadelphia to Greensboro to play Christmas and the remainder of the week, thence here. However, a holiday attraction will be offered in a big revival next Saturday, at matinee and night, of "Peck's Bad Boy." The company is a "one night stander," but by special arrangements the prices will be reduced. The matinee performance will be given with as much zeal as the night's, with the orchestra, etc.

Wednesday, January 14th, "The Village Postmaster" will be offered play-goers, and it will be one of the Academy's best bookings. It is a play on great New York success and will be presented in Wilmington by a big metropolitan company. All scenery used in the production is carried by the company. A really wonderful piece of stage mechanism will be a terrific rain storm at the end of the first act. The play is of the 'Old Homestead" type, but greater in brilliancy.

Theatre goers are agog over the appearance of Kathryn Kidder in "An Eye for an Eye," Monday night, Jan. 19th. This is the play of the younger Dumas that some of the dramatic critics have classed on the same high plane of power as his "Camille." The play has been long and eagerly sought by American managers, but entanglements of negotiation with the holders of its foreign rights have delayed its issue here until now. This engagement, of course, will be a most notable one.

Following Miss Kidder's engagement —the very next night—will come the long expected Mabel Paige and company for five nights, with the usual matinee, commencing Tuesday, January 20th. Winsome, popular Mabel has this season the best company she has ever possessed.

After the Paige Company will come many standard attractions.

TANK EXPLODED.

Wreck at the Dixie Cafe On Christmas Afternoon.

One of the loudest explosions of Christmas day took place about 2:15 o'clock in the afternoon at the Dixie Cafe, on Princess street, but the sad part of it all was it was not the explosion of a fire cracker. It was the explosion of the gasoline tank of a large coffee urn and set fire to th cafe. However, the fire was short-lived, as Chief Schnibben and several of his boys were soon on the scene and suppressed the flames.

The explosion also shattered to pieces the glass front windows and some of the flying glass hit and cut one of the negro waiters, Bill McLeod. He was the only one hurt.

The damage was covered by insurance and did not, but for a short time, stop the progress of business at the cafe.

ODD FELLOWS' ELECTION.

Hanover Lodge Selected Officers Last Night for the Ensuing Year.

Hanover Lodge No. 145, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, elected the following officers last night:

N G,—E. L. McClammy.
V. G.—A. Silverman.
R. S.—S. G. Hall.
F. S.—B. W. Dunham.
Treas.—W. H. Howell.
Trustees—E. F. Johnson, E. N. Penny and N. F. Parker.
General Relief Committee.—B. W. Dunham.

These officers together with the appointed officers, will be installed at next Friday night's meeting.

Laid to Rest.

All that was mortal of the late Mrs. Eliza Carmon was laid to rest Thursday morning in Oakdale cemetery. The funeral service, which was first held at the residence of Mr. Jas. F. Woolvin, was conducted by Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., assisted by Rev. James Carmichael, D. D. The pall bearers were Capt. John Walker, Capt. W. L. Harlow and Messrs. B. J. Jacobs, W. C. VonGlahn, W. G. Pulliam and F. H. Fechtig.

ELKS' XMAS TREE.

It Brought Joy of the First Real Christmas to a Great Many Homes.

A GREAT SCENE IT WAS.

Hundreds of Little People Attended and Went Away With Hearts Full of Happiness and Gratitude—The Dinner Was a Royal One.

The Great Lord God of Hosts has emblazoned it on every heart in letters of love, truth and charity that it is "more blessed to give than to receive." How much blessedness must then be the portion of the Wilmington Lodge of Elks, who yesterday afternoon, aided by the noble women of this city, gave to hundreds of indigent children their very first real Christmas cheer. It was like a glimpse into a hidden life to these little people, or the birth of a grand and glorious day. There were some few who had known, "before father died," what a Christmas really was and that the birthday of our Saviour was an event of joy and not of sadness, but all this to the great majority was an enigma. Their only idea of the grand festival had been gathered from hungry looks at windows ladened with tempting goodies and wistful glances into stores stuffed with bright toys. Their hearts beat faster at these sights, but were desolate of joy. They did not know that Santa Claus was for the poor as well as for the rich. Now they realize this and how much gratitude must be their's for the band of brothers who, prompted by love for their fellowman and remindful of sweet charity, unpretentiously opened the windows of their dreary little hearts and permitted God's sunshine to flow in.

The Christmas tree and dinner was truly a glorious success. Besides its love and sweetness the brilliancy of the many joyous events of the Yuletide will be dimmed.

Before the Dinner.

The hour appointed for the commencement of the festivities was 2 o'clock, but it was hardly noon before the youngsters, some accompanied by mothers, began to arrive. By 1 o'clock the big portico and large corridor of the City Hall were crowded with the children, each with a happy expression and fluttering heart, and each clasping tightly this simple, but impressive invitation:

"You are cordially invited to be present at the Elks' Christmas Tree and Dinner, to be given to the children at the City Hall, on Friday afternoon, December 26th, at 1:30 o'clock. Please present this card at the door."

A GREAT REALITY.

Promptly at 2 o'clock this great gathering was lined up in twos and the march up the broad City Hall stairs to the festive scene commenced. As the leaders of the line—two little tots—reached the entrance to the hall, and caught a glimpse of row after row of tables ladened with turkey, cakes, candies, etc., and the crash of music assailed their ears, their faces became flushed and for a moment the line halted; many an Elk felt a lump in his throat, and then the spell was broken by a sturdy little chap just behind the leaders. Wide eyed he was hard staring about and, in response to a tug of the coat sleeve by his companion, he hoarsely whispered: "Don't wake me, Bill; I'se habin' a swell dream."

Nearly every Elk was on hand and ushered the little people to their places at the tables. There were scores of the older poor also present and they, too, were warmly welcomed and royally feasted.

After Rev. James Carmichael, D. D., chaplain of the Lodge of Elks, had made a short address, highly appropriate to the occasion, and Rev. S. Mendelsohn, D. D., had offered up a fervent prayer, the feast began and it was a feast in comparison with which Delmonico would lose its lustre.

With a greasy little hand holding fast to a big, juicy turkey leg and with a mouthful of cake, a tiny youngster looked up and said:

"Say, maw, who told Santa Claus about us?"

In another part of the room a girl about fourteen in remonstrating with her brother said:

"George, if you don't behave your self I'll never bring you here again."

George's face paled for a moment, but the next instant it flushed again, as he sniffed:

"Gee, you must think you'r an Elk."

The good women of the city were constantly here and there filling little mouth with good things.

During the festivities two pictures were taken of the joyous scene and this the children greeted with a mighty shout of merriment.

The gallery was crowded with spectators, who enjoyed the occasion with the children.

SAINT NICK ON HAND.

The children had been feasting for fully an hour, with one eye on the tables and the other on the big, brightly tinseled tree at the south end of the hall, when Mr. H. J. Gerken, chairman of the executive committee, announced that Old Santa had arrived and was ready to give presents to his children. Then the youngsters came gladly forward, systematically and orderly, and each received three presents—an article of apparel, a fine toy and a bag made of bright colored cloth and filled with nuts and candies. After they received their gifts they cheerfully departed for home, each thankful to the Elks for inducing Old Father Time to add another and brighter day to the calendar.

Where The Bow Is Due.

A full list of the Elks executive committee and the committees of ladies, to whom the bow is due, have already appeared in these columns, but is not amiss but fitting that they should reappear in connection with an account of the glorious finale.

The Elks committee was composed of Mr. H. J. Gerken, (chairman,) Mr. I. W. Solomon, (secretary,) Rev. James Carmichael, D. D., Dr. T. B. Carrol, Dr. Chas. T. Harper, Herbert McClammy, Esq., Major W. F. Robertson and Messrs. James F. Woolvin, W. L. De Rosset, Jr., W. A. French, Jr., H. McI. Green, B. F. King, C. W. Polvogt, I. Stein, John R. Turrentine, Jr., and R. W. Wallace.

Mrs. Joseph H. Watters was chairman of the ladies committees, which were composed as follows:

Cake Committee—Mesdames A. Shrier, (chairman), S. Mendelsohn, B. Solomon, M. S. Willard, L. B. Frank, M. L. Stover, Misses Carrie M. VonGlahn, Hattie Taylor, Lena Solomon, Maimie Bear, Marcella Shrier.

Ham Committee—Mesdames H. G. Smallbones (chairman), J. N. Brand, R. W. Wallace, C. T. Harper, S. H. Burtt, Berry Gleaves, M. L. McLeod, R. D. Tucker and Mrs. Houston.

Pickle Committee—Miss Stella Divine (chairman), Mesdames S. Solomon, E. H. Munson, Walker Taylor, Herbert McClammy, M. W. Divine, J. D. Nutt, Misses Kate Westerman and Louise Knight.

Bread and Butter Committee—Mesdames C. W. Polvogt (chairman), A. G. Voigt, Andrew Smith, Henry Haar, E. Schulken, J. G. Barentine, H. F. Otter, Miss Elizabeth Otter.

Candy Bag Committee—Mesdames H. J. Gerken (chairman), M. S. Willard, J. N. Brand, F. E. Owens, W. S. Johnson, R. W. Wallace, M. G. Saunders, S. E. Toon, Misses Stella Divine and Kate Munson.

Xmas Tree Committee—Mesdames J. H. Rehder (chairman), J. T. Runge, J. J. Fowler, H. L. Voliers, Cuthbert Martin, S. H. Fishblate, Miss Mary Bridgers.

Turkey Committee—Mesdames W. H. Northrop, Sr. (chairman); Junius Davis, R. C. DeRosset, W. S. Johnson, L. Bluethenthal, R. H. Northrop, John Cotton, Jr., Cuthbert Martin, Ella Hill, T. F. Simmons, Misses Maria Walker, Annie B. DeRosset, Bettie Taylor, Cornelia Fillyaw, May Belle Fillyaw and Julia Hill.

Coffee Committee—Mesdames Mitt Moore (chairman); W. L. DeRosset, Jr., S. A. Schloss, J. H. Hinton, W. M. Hankins, H. A. DeCover, W. W. Hodges, A. Liebman, J. J. Hedrick, M. S. Willard, J. Hahn, Misses Julia Bell, Kieth Covington, Lydia Yates, Alice Borden, Julia Gore, Lucy Chadbourn and Mrs. W. E. Springer.

Of course, all the Elks gave the committees their loyal support. Especially energetic were the able officers, who are as follows:

Exalted Ruler—William J. Bellamy.

Esteemed Leading Knight—I. W. Solomon.

Esteemed Loyal Knight—C. W. Polvogt.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight — Dr. Harrington.

Joyous Echoes.

By actual count there were 569 children who enjoyed the tree and dinner. Then there were many of the older others.

The useful presents consisted of suits of clothes, pants, hats, gloves, stockings, shirts, handkerchiefs, etc.

The hall was prettily draped with purple bunting, which, with the white table covers, made up the Elks' colors.

Hollowbush's orchestra donated its services and the music was one of the features of the occasion.

The Elks' ushers were a particularly clever lot.

The children represented many parts of the county, including Delgado.

Xmas to Be Repeated.

The admirable musical programme which was rendered at St. Paul's Episcopal Christmas day will be repeated to-morrow morning, as follows:

PROGRAMME.

Processional No. 539.
Venite, J. Robinson.
Gloria (Finale), Albert J. Holden.
Te Deum, Jaun Alzamora.
Jubilate.
Hymn.
Gloria (Tibe), Paxton.
Hymn No. 57.
Anthem, "Behold I Bring You Glad Tidings," C. B. Hawley.
Offertory.
Hymn No. 478 (on the presentation of alms.

COMMUNION SERVICE.

Sanctus, J. Camridge.
Hymn No. 225.
Gloria in Excelsis (old chant).

MISS GRACE HOBDAY,
Musical Director.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. Alex. Greenabaum in home shaking hands all round.

— Mr. E. Lilly is home from Wilson to spend the Yuletide.

— Mr. C. B. Rehder left yesterday on a business trip to Charlotte.

— Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gray and little son, Master John Springer, returned to Richmond yesterday.

— Mr. R. W. Vincent, the clever associate editor of the live Charlotte *News*, is here spending the holidays with his parents. He is accompanied by his wife and child.

— Mr. P. W. McGowan, business manager of the *Harbinger*, Raleigh, is in the city shaking hands with his numerous friends. He is the guest of his brother, Capt. James M. McGowan.

— The police court docket was an extensive one yesterday and was viewed by the Mayor with true Christmas leniency. All the cases were of a trivial nature, except two of assault with a deadly weapon against J. I. Jnacossi, white, and Joe Simpson, colored. Both were bound over to the higher court.

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J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President.
dec 23 tf C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.

COAST LINE'S NEW PURCHASE

Georgia Road of Seventy Miles in the Southern Part of the State—Cost Half a Million Dollars.

Yesterday afternoon's Florence *Times* says:

MOULTRIE, GA., Dec. 26.—The Georgia Northern railroad, extending from Pidcock to Albany, a distance of 70 miles, has been bought by the Atlantic Coast Line.

The Coast Line held an option on the road for several weeks. Until the option expired yesterday, the option was in the name of the Hon. S. G. McLendon, of Thomasville, attorney for the A. C. L. He was here yesterday and closed the deal. The price agreed on was something over a half million dollars. It is to be paid in cash in a few days.

The Georgia Northern stock was held by three Pidcock brothers, James, Charles and Frank. James held 45 shares, Charles 35 shares and Frank 20 shares.

The road will remain under the present officers, except the president, and will be operated as an independent line. The purchase by the Coast Line is supposed to be for the purpose of controlling this important link. The Pidcocks would not be interviewed.

[An Associated Press dispatch to the STAR last night from Macon, Ga., denies the reported sale of the road, to the A. C. L. or to any other system.]

DANCE AT "AIRLEE."

It Was the Usual Brilliant Jones Christmas Event.

Two trolley cars of the Suburban Line went down to Wrightsville at 8:30 o'clock last night, filled with Wilmington society people who had been invited to the Christmas dance at "Airlie," the elegant winter rendezvous of Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones. The Hollowbush orchestra went to Wrightsville at 6:30 o'clock in the afternoon and were in ample readiness for the dance, which commenced promptly at 9 o'clock.

The affair was given with the usual Jones brilliancy. The favors were numerous, handsome and costly. The supper was superb.

It was in the wee sma' hours when the event terminated.

— A boy who is experienced in feeding job presses may secure employment by immediate application at the STAR office.

For Asthma use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.
For sale by J. C. Shepard.

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Just received a fresh supply from Florida.
Don't Forget I Have On Hand The Very Best
FRUITS AND CONFECTIONERIES
at all times.
J. W. PLUMMER, Jr.
dec 27 tf

Important Notice.
We wish to inform our regular customers as well as the public at large that we have just received a consignment of Foreign Wines, which we offer to everybody at the following low price for a short time only:

Rhine Wine, Vintage	1898,	per gal.,	$1.00
Port " "	1900,	" "	1.00
Claret " "	1900,	" "	1.00
Port " "	1890,	" "	2.00

Samples FREE at store.
Best Patent Flour, O. B., per barrel $4.50.
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At 25 cents are universally praised by our customers.
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Orders for Plants, Floral Designs, Cut Flowers, Bouquets, &c, filled promptly and at reasonable prices.
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Woodmen of The World.
Live Oak Camp No. 6,
December 27, 1902.
SOVEREIGNS:—You are notified to meet at wharf of Steamer Wilmington to-morrow morning (Sunday) December 28th, at 10 o'clock sharp for the purpose of attending the funeral of Sovereign J. W. C. Fisher, at southport.
Steamer Wilmington will leave wharf at 10 o'clock sharp; returning leave Southport about 3 o'clock. The public are invited.
JNO. W. STORMFELT, Con. Com.
GEO. C. JACKSON, Clerk. dec 27 1t

Lands Posted.
The privilege of hunting on my lands near Wilmington having been leased, all persons are hereby warned against shooting, hunting, ranging or otherwise trespassing on said lands.
nov 20 tf S. W. NOBLE.

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C

SATURDAY MORNING DEC. 27.

DAWN OF THE FARMER'S DAY.

In the Washington *Times* of Monday there is an article under the above caption, by Hon. John W. Brookwalter, of Ohio, which speaks of the depression in the agricultural industry in this country, its causes and the end of the depression, and the reasons why the day of the farmer has come and has come to stay. While this article is interesting to farmers generally, it is of more than ordinary interest to the Southern farmer because he may gather hints from it that it will profit him to think of and act upon. Speaking of the depression in agriculture and its causes he says:

This is the dawn of the farmer's day. A struggle between the urban and the rural population of the country is in initiative. In population the two elements are about equally divided. While they are half and half numerically, in wealth there is the widest divergence. The total wealth of the country is estimated at $85,000,000,000. Of this, but $20,000,000,000 is in the hands of the rural population, or less than one-fourth of the total wealth of the country. This inequality did not always exist. Prior to the civil war wealth was measurably about equally divided. The separation began with the imposition of the high tariff, and the adoption of the land grant system, which in almost one generation developed an area equal in productive capacity to that which required in the East several centures to produce.

The one made the farmer buy at the highest prices, while the other made him sell at the lowest. Millions of acres of cheap land in a few years began furnishing the world breadstuffs, and as it did so the value of every acre of Eastern farm land was correspondingly impaired and cheapened. With the tariff on one side as an enemy and the cheap lands on the other as a menace, it was not long until money seeking investment flowed eastward. Agriculture had been rendered unprofitable.

Year after year the land was rapidly taken up. Eventually the entire supply was exhausted. With this exhaustion came a slow but gradual rise in the price of cereals. Demand now follows swiftly on the heels of supply. No longer does a vast surplus stare the country in the face to fill outward bound ships. Nature is restoring the equilibrium.

The two causes enumerated put agriculture for many years at a disadvantage. Low prices prevailed, and there was little or no encouragement to engage in farming.

When the lands west of Indiana were opened for settlement their development was unequaled, by reason of the readiness and ease with which smooth, unincumbered fertile prairies and plow fields of the West could be put in a state of cultivation. East of this region centuries had been consumed by felling trees, grubbing and draing to get lands in condition for renumerative harvests. West of this dividing line the farmer was able to do on the prairies lands, ready for the plow the first season, more than the farmer east of it had been able to do in decades. Immense areas of the prairie land were soon under cultivation. From them came a deluge of grain that poured over the old States and Europe. Prices were shattered and agriculture in the old States almost ruined.

But once more prices are reaching their old level. There are practically no more public lands to fall back upon. Grain will remain high. The farmer will take the place in the world for which he was destined and once did occupy.

John W. Bookwalter is a man of culture, of thought, of observation, a political economist, a manufacturer, a man of extensive travel and an entertaining writer who has given us one of the most interesting and instructive books on Siberia and its possibilities ever published. The views of such a man are worth considering. Speaking of the turn in the tide he says:

The period of depression has passed. Recently J. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway Company, declared that the supply of public lands was practically exhausted, and that there was need for reforming the tariff. He realized the truth, as the whole country must at an early day.

The price of agricultural products will never again fall to a low level. Capitalists, aware of the situation, are now reaching out to buy farm lands. They know there is no safer or better investment. Land cannot burn down. There is no element of risk in holding it. This investment has taken money by the millions away from New York. It will not return in the same volume as heretofore. New York's financial stringency is largely explained by the fact. But not only New York, but Chicago is distressed. Out in Topeka, Kan., a newspaper dispatch the other day related that there is a modified stringency, such as now affects the two large cities named, out there. Money is going out to Kansas into farm lands.

The era of whilom cheap grain will never return. The Eastern fellows, for many years favored by class legislation, no longer have the advantage.

In time an intense feeling between the urban and the rural population may develop. The ruralist will be held responsible for prices that will be fixed by natural causes, and not by combinations, as will probably be charged.

The change, the cause of the stringency of to-day, means a redistribution of the world's wealth. That taken from the agriculturist by discriminating legislation and acts will return to him through the operation of natural laws.

The time may not be far distant when the East will want to go to South America, instead of Kansas and Nebraska, for its beef.

We have remarked above that this article is of especial interest to the Southern farmer because there are points in it that he may profit by thinking upon. Why of especial interest to the Southern farmer? Because they, without having that object in view, suggest the possibilities of the South as a profitable farming section, and the bright prospects of the Southern farmer if he "take time by the forelock," and put himself in a position to reap the advantages that will be and are even now within his reach. Diversified farming is but little practiced in the South, where the one crop system has been the rule, diversified farming the exception. The South is an importer of grain. There is not enough produced to meet the demands for home consumption. And yet as a grain growing section it is superior to the grain-growing West. We can grow better wheat and corn than the West can and more to the area when the land is properly cultivated. Thirty bushels of wheat to the acrea isn't a rare thing in North Carolina, it is rare in the West, save in the new lands where the original fertility of the soil is still retained.

With the prospect of continued high prices for wheat and other grain why should not Southern farmers prepare to become grain raisers? With the public lands exhausted, the increasing value and demand for farming lands, why shouldn't the land seeker turn Southward, and why should there not be a large immigration to the South? With the prospective turning of the East to to South America instead of to Kansas and Nebraska for its beef, why should not the South become a good beef producer and let the East turn to it for its beef instead of to South America?

There is more forest in the South to-day than there is in any other part of the United States, on which countless herds could find both feed and shelter. There is more feeding, uncultivated ground for cattle, sheep and hogs, than in other part of the United States; and in addition to this a better climate for stock raising than in any other part of the United States.

Why then should not the South become the great grain growing and meat producing section of the United States, which it is capable of becoming if attention were earnestly turned in this direction?

These are are some of the reasons why the hints in the extracts quoted above are of especial interest to the Southern farmer and why he should take the hints and profit by them.

EWART FLAYS BUTLER.

Hon. H. E. Ewart, of Hendersonville, ex-Judge of the Federal Court and ex-Congressman, is not one of the "Lily White" Republicans, and he isn't very ceremonious in saying so. He hasn't heretofore had much to say on that movement, but when he read that ex-Senator Marion Butler had called on Postmaster General Payne for the purpose of downing the negro postmaster Vick, at Wilson, and running in one of his own crowd, a small calibre Populist, whom Pritchard has pitted against Vick, it was too much for his equanimity, and he broke his silence by writing an epistle to the Postmaster General, in which he thus pays his respects to Butler:

DEAR SIR—In the Washington *Post* of the 21st instant, I notice the following paragraph: "Former Senator Butler yesterday gave Postmaster General Payne a number of papers relative to the Vick case. Among the letters filed was one written by Dr. H. F. Freeman, a Populist of some prominence, who made statements tending to confirm Senator Pritchard's allegation concerning Vick's alleged disloyalty to the Republican party."

I presume the Butler referred to in this paragraph, is the same Butler who recently misrepresented this State in the Senate of the United States. The same Butler whose name in this State is synonymous with scoundrelism, treachery, and knavery. The same scurvy and ungrateful wretch who in in 1895 was elected to a seat in the United States Senate by members of a General Assembly who represented 100,000 negro voters, and but for whose votes, there would not have been a baker's dozen of Republican representatives in that body.

The same Butler whose seat was scarcely warm in that body, before he was scheming and plotting to defeat his colleague J. C. Pritchard, to whose re election he was bound by every tie of honor and good faith. The same Butler in 1897 resorted to the most treacherous and despicable methods to defeat Pritchard, and would most certainly have accomplished his purpose but for the fact that a minority of his followers rebelled against his notorious and infamous course. The same Butler whose treacherous conduct in that matter so incensed the decent people of the State that in the campaign following he did not dare to make any speeches in certain sections of the State lest he should be covered with a coat of tar and feathers.

It seems incredible that this viper is now acting as the mouthpiece of Senator Pritchard with a Republican administration at Washington. I know little of the merits of the Vick controversy.

This is one of the warmest pen sketches we have ever seen of Butler, and although highly colored it is not far from being "true to life.' Mr. Ewart evidently doesn't regard treachery as legitimate politics nor ingratitude as a virtue, and he says so in pretty strenuous English.

Since Marconi has demonstrated the practicablility of wireless telegraph over long distances and over oceans, a number of claimants have come to the front who say they made that discovery before Marconi. Maybe they did, but they didn't have the genius to develop, utilize and make it practicable as he has done. Whenever any useful discovery is announced there is always some fellow to bob up and claim to have discovered that long ago. Edison has spent thousands upon thousands of dollars defending his discoveries and inventions.

The city of New York pays $800,000 a year in office rents, but that doesn't compare with what it pays to office-holders.

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

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OUR RAILROADS AND OTHER COMPANIES.

The Raleigh *News and Observer* of Thursday cartains a summary of the last report of the Corporation Commission on the assessed valuation of our railroads and other industrials, and other facts of interest in connection therewith, as follows:

There are 3,681.95 miles of railroad in the State, an increase of 30 82 miles over last year. There were, however, 66.63 miles of new roads built, but 35.81 miles of road were abandoned. The three large systems—the Atlantic Coast Line, the Seaboard Air line and the Southern railway companies control more than three-fourths of the mileage in the State. The Atlantic Coast Line has 948.77 miles; the Seaboard Air Line, 611.52 miles; the Southern Railway, 1,289.26 miles—total of the three systems, 2,849 55. Miscellaneous roads, 632.40 miles—and total mileage of the State, 3 681 95 miles.

The total assessed valuation of these and other properties assessed by the commission as follow:

VALUATIONS FOR TAXATION.

Atlantic Coast Line	$13,978,440,50
Southern Railway	35,825,677 59
Seaboard Air Line	8,712,728.62
Miscellaneous Railroads	4,110,414.86
Total	$42,627,261.57
Telephone Companies	$ 388,984 50
Steamboat, canal and ferries	249,950.00
Street railways	1,199,590.00
Electric Light and Gas Companies	268,350 00
Water Companies	260,985.00
Telegraph Companies	904,140.00
Sleeping Car Companies	180,205,30
Express Companies	225,770.00
Grand Total	$46,305,236 37

The counties to which the largest apportionment of railroad property is made are as follows:

Cumberland	$1,2-2,498
Guilford	1,804 430
Halifax	1,760,936
Johnston	1,520,710
Mecklenburg	1,460,448
Pender	1,008,694
Robeson	1,715,223
Wake	1,794,659
Wayne	1,179,737

The following gives the number of men employed in our midst:

Atlantic Coast Line	2,654
Seaboard Air Line	2,614
Southern Railway	4,528
Miscellaneous Roads	1,605
Total employees	11,401

The following shows the wages paid per day by the respective roads and the total paid by all.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Engineers	$4.20 per day.
Firemen	1.38 per day.
Conductors	2.90 per day.
Machinists	2.98 per day.
Carpenters	2.12 per day.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

Engineers	$4.42 per day,
Firemen	1.84 per day.
Conductors	3.10 per day.
Machinists	2.32 per day.
Carpenters	2.00 per day.

SEABOARD AIR LINE

Engineers	$4 27 per day.
Firemen	1.53 per day.
Conductor	2.76 per day.
Machinists	2.32 per day
Carpenters	2.00 per day.

Total amount paid all employes in the State:

TOTAL AMOUNT PAID ALL EMPLOYEES IN THE STATE

Atlantic Coast Line	$1,170,015
Seaboard Air Line	988,364
Southern Railway	1,972,902
Miscellaneous Roads	321,219
Total all Roads	$4,452,590

CURRENT COMMENT

—— Quay has expressed himself in favor of the proposition to cut down the representation of the South in Republican National Conventions. The fewer delegates the South has the less expensive will be the acquisition and control of them by the Quays.—*Louisville Courier Journal, Dem.*

—— If the German and English warships which are blockading Venezuelan ports continue to capture only ships containing cargoes belonging to English and German residents of Venezuela, the world will be treated to an elaborate illustration of the principle of lifting one's self over the fence by one's own bootstraps.—*Norfolk Landmark, Dem,*

——The pure food bill is nothing like the olemargarine bill. There was no decent pretense of the special interest which formulated the latter measure, that it was fighting for the destruction of a deleterious food material, nothing of the kind. It was merely an outrageous abuse of the power of the government to protect an industry against legitimate competition.—*Chattanooga Times, Ind.*

—— The Standard Oil Company is credited with explaining that the increase of nearly 5 cents a gallon in the price of petroleum is due to the increased demand for oil for heating purposes. That furnishes no reason, excepting the desire of the company to increase its enormous profits. But it cannot be charged to the tariff. This is one trust that owes nothing to a protective tariff.—*Philadelphia Press, Rep.*

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50 cents, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for over sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething with perfect success. It soothes the child, soften the gums, and allays all pain; cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

CASTORIA. Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

-- Goldsboro *Argus*: The deaf and dumb negro shot by Mr. Ad. Pike, near Pikeville, on Monday morning, as reported in these columns, died from his wound yesterday evening, at the county home.

-- Rockingham *Headlight*: Several of the large mills have announced their intention of making 60 hours a week's work without any reduction of present pay rates. This is commendable and no doubt other mills will follow the example.

Durham *Herald*: One of the largest hen eggs ever seen in this office was brought here yesterday. It was sent by Mrs. J. J. Whitfield, who lives some eight miles west of the city. The egg was weighed by a *Herald* man and tipped the scales at four and one-quarter ounces. It was more than twice as large as the average hen egg.

— Wilson *Times*: Will Council, who recently escaped from the chain gang of Cumberland county, was located Thursday night in Wilson and was arrested by Messrs. Harrell and Snakenburg. Mr. Adams, who clerks for Mr. Teiser, discovered the negro and notified the police. After he had been carried to the station house the negro cursed and threatened the officers with all sorts of punishment if they did not release him. A knife and pistol was found on his person. He was sent back to Fayetteville.

— Winston *Sentinel*: Mr. George Morris, a Confederate veteran, fireman at the Shamrock knitting mill, was held up and robbed by two negroes in the reservation back of Calvary Moravian church, about 5:45 Wednesday morning. Mr. Morris says he was going from his home to the mill when two negroes rushed upon him from behind a tree. They grabbed him and one held him while the other one rifled his pockets. They found eleven dollars and a few cents which the negroes carried off.

— Goldsboro *Argue*: A white man named Kennyan Brock, aged 45, near Mt. Olive, was killed by a southbound freight train on the Atlantic Coast Line about three miles from this city Friday at 1 P. M., while in an intoxicated condition. He was lying with his head on the rail and the wheels passed over his neck, severing the head from the body. —Sixty-two cars of holly have been shipped from this point during the "holly days" to the northern and western cities and we understand the results have been profitable to those who gathered the branches, who jobbed in them and those who furnished the boxes.

— Tarboro *Southerner*: Lawrence Moore, colored, has been arrested his last time. Two years ago he was arrested by a colored man, named Charley Baker, a blacksmith at Turnage's. Tuesday he demanded to know of Baker why he arrested him. Baker informed him that he did so because he had a warrant for him and it was his duty. Moore replied that he would "fix" him, and pulled his pistol and fired. Baker seized a stick and felled the man with a tremendous blow on the head. Moore fell to the ground and soon after died. Baker's act is regarded as one of self-defence. Moore's aim was accurate. The pistol was aimed directly at Baker's head, and he is living to-day because his cap brim deflected the ball. Otherwise he would have been shot in the forehead.

TWINKLINGS.

— Penman—You say you like my books? Wright—Well, I'm stuck on two of them. "Which two?' "The two I bought."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

— "Hasn't Miss Faddington anything on exhibition?" "No. I think she has given up painting. She finds it so much easier to be a connoisseur." —*Puck.*

— Mrs. Kelly—Does your husband get good pay, Mrs. Rooney? Mrs. Rooney—Well, he would, Mrs. Kelly, ef ut wasn't fer shtriking so often fer better pay.—*Puck.*

— Tom Harkaway—Alice, can you tell me why it is cruel to dock horses tails. Alice Ryder—Yes, indeed. Because what God has joined together, let no man put asunder.—*Puck.*

— "I hope you do not descend to malicious gossip," said the woman with serious ideals. "No," answered Miss Cayenne. "No one that I know gossips maliciously. They do it merely for fun."—*Philadelphia Press.*

— "Do you keep late hours, young man?" asked the blue-nosed woman of the clerk in the music store. "We've got "The Clock in the Steeple Strikes One,' ma'am, if that's what you want?"—*Yonker's Statesman.*

— "What kind of a man was Napoleon?" asked the little boy. "He was one of the men whose mistakes made them famous," answered his cynical parent. "He undertook to control the world by organizing a trust."—*Wash. Star.*

— Mr. Crimsonbeak—I see a Brooklyn woman has discovered a way of preventing her losing her hair. Mrs. Crimsonbeak—Indeed! And what does she do? Mr. Crimsonbeak—Locks it in the safe.—*New York Times.*

— "Yes, it's true," said Miss De Skreemer. "The death of a rich relative has relieved me of the necessity of making my living by singing in public." "I'm so glad!" impulsively exclaimed the other girl.—*Chicago Tribune.*

— In 1905: Miss Smyth—I suppose you find many cases of extreme want during your visits among the poor? Miss Charity Worker—Yes, I visited a family to-day and actually they hadn't a drop of gasoline for their automobile.—*Judge.*

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally like itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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Physicians are calling attention to the fact that influenza or grip has come to stay. In the larger cities there has been a marked increase in diseases affecting the organs of respiration, which increase is attributed to the prevalence of influenza. Persons who are recovering from grip or influenza are in a weak condition and peculiarly liable to pulmonary disease.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures coughs, bronchitis, lung "trouble" and other diseases of the organs of respiration. It is the best tonic medicine for those whose strength and vitality have been exhausted by an attack of grip.

It purifies the blood, cleansing it of the poisonous accumulations which breed and feed disease. It gives increased activity to the blood-making glands, and so increases the supply of pure blood, rich with the red corpuscles of health.

"A word for your 'Golden Medical Discovery,'" writes Mrs. E. A. Bender, of Keene, Coshocton Co., Ohio. "We have been using it as a family medicine for more than four years. As a cough remedy and blood-purifier there is nothing better, and after having the grip Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is just the right medicine for a complete bracing up."

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The sluggish liver is made active by the use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. JOHN, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Scott's Hill, Prospect, Dec. 27, 28.
Burgaw, Rocky Point, Jan. 3, 4.
Southport, Jan. 11, 12.
Shallotte, Concord, Jan. 13.
Town Creek, —— Jan. 14.
Waccamaw, Shiloh, Jan. 17, 18.
Whiteville, Whiteville, Jan. 18, 19.
Magnolia, Providence, Jan. 24, 25.
Clinton, Clinton, Jan. 30.
Kenansville, Friendship, Jan. 31, Feb 1.
Bladen, Bethlehem, Feb. 7, 8.
Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, Feb 9
Carver's Creek, Council Station Feb. 10.
Onslow, Queen's Creek, Feb. 14, 15.
Jacksonville and Richlands, Half Moon, Feb. 21, 22.

District Stewards will please meet in the Ladies' Parlor, Grace church, Wilmington, Tuesday Dec. 30th, at 1 o'clock.

Missionary Institute will be held at Grace church Feb. 4th and 5th, 1903.

District conference will meet at Jacksonville Tuesday Mar. 17th at 5 o'clock P. M. and continue through the 18th and 19th, 1903.

New Bills For Old Ones.

Not every one is aware of just what the United States subtreasury will do for a person with soiled currency. If any one has such bills, in no matter how small quantity, and wishes to get brand new bills, all he has to do is to go down to the subtreasury and hand the old currency over the counter. The government will hand him in return new bills of any desired denomination.

Perhaps under a strict interpretation of the law the government clerk might refuse certain bills on the plea that they were still fit for circulation, but in practice the government is inclined to be very obliging, and, unless the supply of clean money on hand should happen to be temporarily short, the clerk will without hesitation hand over perfectly new and unfolded bills in return for money which has been folded possibly only a very few times.

As a matter of fact a vast amount of money is turned in which could not have circulated among more than half a dozen hands. But it is all redeemed and the new currency issued in exchange. The subtreasury supplies the new cash, too, without any expense, no matter if millions are to be exchanged.—New York Times.

Didn't Fear His Dead Patients.

There is a doctor of the old school in one of the New England villages near Randolph, Mass., whose house is surrounded by a cemetery. The cemetery is behind the house and comes up flush with the road on either side, running off to east and west for an eighth of a mile. Some people might find such a house lot doleful, and surely the neighbors are not lively. But that thought never troubled the villagers so much as the prospect of going home at night. In the country towns of New England the graveyard at night is still a thing of terror, an inherited terror. There are still towns where all the graves are dug on a line running due east and west, with the footstones toward the east so that the dead may rise face to face with the Judge on the last day. So the doctor is often asked the question, "Are you not afraid to go home sometimes at night?"

And his answer is always the same: "No. My neighbors will never trouble me. They all owe me money."—New York Tribune.

The Obedient Child.

There was once a little girl who found it very hard to wash her hands just before dinner. She meant to be clean for the table, but there was so many things to think of that it was impossible to remember. Her mother reproved her very severely one day, and she promised to do better. That day at dinner her mother asked the usual question, "Have you washed your hands, dear?"

"Yes," came the satisfied reply.

Her mother looked smilingly down at the little one's hands, and then she uttered an exclamation, for there was no sign that soap or water had been used on them. "Why, your hands are black," she said. "Didn't you say you washed them?"

"Well, I just did, mamma, but I was afraid I'd forget, so I washed them right after breakfast."—New York Press.

Gold Pens.

The first gold pens made in this country were all manufactured by hand, the gold being cut from strips of the metal by scissors and every subsequent operation being performed by hand. These handmade gold pens cost from $5 to $20 and were far inferior to the machine made article of the present day.

Carving.

A genteel carver always sits when he carves, says a work on etiquette. Perhaps he does, but it is pretty certain that there are times when he yearnfully yearns to put one foot on the table and the other on the bird while struggling with the fowl.—London Answers.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 26.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 52c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.35 per barrel for strained and $1.40 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $1.75 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at 95c@$1.00; tar steady at $1.35; crude turpentine quiet at $1.00 @2.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	82
Rosin	344
Tar	128
Crude turpentine	44

Receipts same day last year—25 casks spirits turpentine, 315 barrels rosin, 113 barrels tar, 12 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8½c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5¾	cts. ℔ lb
Good ordinary	7⅛	" "
Low middling	7¾	" "
Middling	8½	" "
Good middling	8 15-16	" "

Same day last year, market firm at 7⅞c for middling.

Receipts—2,529 bales; same day last year, 1,064.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm, 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 10@11c.

EGGS—Firm at 21@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 12½@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 10@11c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Money on call—Market firm at 6@15 per cent., closing offered at 8 per cent; time money firm—60 days and 90 days, 6 per cent.; six months 5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange firm with the actual business in bankers' bills at 486.75@486 80 for demand and 483.25 for sixty days. The posted rates were 484 and 487½. Commercial bills 482½@483. Bar silver 47⅞. Mexican dollars 38. Government bonds strong. State bonds were steady. Railroad bonds irregular. U S. funding 2's, registered, 108; U S. refunding 2's, coupon, 108½; U. S 3's, registered, 107½; do. coupon, 108 U. S. 4's, new registered, 135½; do. coupon, 135½; U. S 4's, old, registered, 109; do. coupon, 110; U. S. 5's, registered, 103¾; do. coupon. 103¾; Southern Railway, 5's, 120. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 99¼. Chesapeake & Ohio 47⅜; Manhattan L 147; New York Central 151⅞; Reading 65⅜; do. 1st preferred 86½; do. 2nd preferred 77½; St. Paul 178¼; do. pref'd, 192; Southern Railway 32¼; do. pref'd 92; Amalgamated Copper ex dividend 59⅞; People's Gas 104⅞; Sugar 129½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 57⅞; U. S. Leather 12¼; do. pref'd, 88½; Western Union 88¼; U. S. Steel 35⅛; do. pref'd 84¾; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 61¼; do. preferred, 122½.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 25⅞; do. preferred, bonds, 42½; fours, 82¾.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Rosin firm. Spirits turpentine dull.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 26.—Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 26.—Holiday; no markets.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—To-day's cotton market opened dull at a decline of one point to an advance of one point. It rallied to a net rise of one to four points and eased off with the close quiet and steady at a decline of three points to a net advance of one point. As was to be expected in advance of a local holiday, and with the Liverpool market and the New Orleans market closed for the day and both to remain closed until Monday, business in cotton was of moderate proportions, with the situation featureless. The total transactions, however, were increased by some special trading in January and March, popularly attributed to "hedges," the net result of which was, an alleged reduction in the January long interest following a material increase in the New York stocks, on which the running count is 147,740 bales, against 86,599 December first, with the warehouse stock 112,153 bales, against 82,262 December first, including a certified stock of 108,203 against 65,908 December 1st. This material increase in the local stock is said to be in anticipation of large deliveries to be made next Monday in January contracts. Total sales were 75,000 bales. The general undertone of the market was quite firm on a disappointing movement and bullish week end statistics.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Cotton quiet at 8.75c; net receipts 150 bales; gross receipts 1,189 bales; stock 147,740 bales.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands 8.75c; middling gulf 9.00c; sales 3,800 bales.

Futures closed quiet and steady: December 8.45, January 8.49, February 8.30, March 8.34, April 8.34, May 8.34, June 8.33, July 8.34, August 8.17, September 7.90.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 22,359 bales; exports to Great Britain 17,258 bales; exports to France —bales; exports to the Continent 12,755 bales; stock 1,084,269 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 285,272 bales; exports to Great Britain 83,462 bales; exports to France 65,508 bales; exports to the Continent 66,698 bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 4,702,695 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,452,210 bales; exports to France 403,147 bales; exports to the Continent 1,391,724 bales

Dec. 26.—Galveston, holiday, net receipts 4,370 bales; Norfolk, quiet at 8 5-16c, net receipts 1,383 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8¾c, net receipts — bales; Boston, holiday, net receipts — bales; Wilmington, holiday, net receipts 2,529 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 9.00c, net receipts 26 bales; Savannah, holiday, net receipts — bales; New Orleans, holiday, net receipts 3,649 bales; Mobile, nominal at 8⅛c, net receipts 239 bales; Memphis, steady at 8⅛c, net receipts 1,968 bales; Augusta, steady at 8⅜c, net receipts — bales; Charleston, quiet at 8⅛c, net receipts 2,323 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Flour was quiet with a moderate trade. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red 84c. Options had a slow uneventful day but maintained a steady and firm tone. A cold wave menaced the unprotected winter wheat plant, receipts were light, export demand fair and the late corn market a help. The market closed ⅛c net higher: May closed 81⅛c; July 78⅞c; December closed 84⅛c; Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 63c. Options—December closed ⅜c net higher and May ⅛c up: January closed 54⅛c; March closed 51⅛c; May closed 48⅛c; July closed —; December closed 64c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2, 38@38⅛c. Options: December closed 39⅛c. Tallow quiet. Rice quiet. Lard steady; Western steam $11 70; refined quiet; continent $10 90; South American $11 50; compound 7⅛@7⅜c. Pork steady. Molasses quiet. Butter steady; extra creamery 28c; State dairy 20@26. Cheese firm; new State full cream, small colored fancy, September 14c; small white September 14c; late 13⅛c. Peanuts were steady; fancy hand-picked 4⅛@4⅜c; other domestic 3@4⅛c. Cabbages steady; domestic, per 100, white $2 00@4 00; red $2 50@4 00. Coffee—Spot Rio nominal. Sugar quiet. Freights to Liverpool —cotton by steam 12. Eggs steady; State and Pennsylvania average best 28c. Potatoes quoted firm; Long Island $2 00@2 25; South Jersey sweets $2 50@3 75; Jerseys $1 75@2 00; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 50 @2 15. Cotton seed oil was quiet and not so strong on spot although still well sustained in the absence of much selling pressure. The prices closed: Prime crude here nominal; prime crude f. o. b. mills 31c bid; prime summer yellow 38⅛@39⅛; off summer yellow 38c; prime white 41@42c; prime winter yellow 42c; prime meal $37 00@37 50, nominal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26—Trading on the board of trade to-day was extremely dull, but wheat held about steady. May closing a shade higher. May corn was also up a fraction while oats were ⅛c@½c higher. May provisions closed 7½c@10c to 27½c higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Cash prices: Flour dull but steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 73@75⅛c; No. 3 spring 69c; No. 2 red 74⅛@75⅜c. Corn—No. 2 45⅛c; No. 2 yellow 48c. Oats—No. 2 32⅛@32⅛c; No. 2 white —; No. 3 white 31⅛ @34c. Mess pork, per barrel, $17 00@17 10. Lard, per 100 lbs., $10 15@10 30. Short rib sides, loose, closed $8 50 @8 75. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 25@8 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $8 87½@9 00. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 31.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 74½, 75⅜, 74⅛, 74⅜; May 77½, 77⅜@77½, 77, 77⅛@77⅛c; July 74½, 74⅛, 74@74½, 74⅛c. Corn—No. 2 December 45⅛, 47½, 45, 45⅛c; January 44@44⅛, 45, 44, 44⅝c; May 43⅛@43⅛, 43⅛@43⅜, 43½, 43⅜c. Oats—No 2 December, new, 32, 32⅛, 32 32⅛; May 33⅛ @33⅜, 34⅛, 33⅛@33⅛, 34. Mess pork, per bbl—December $16 70, 17 25, 16 70, 17 02½; May $16 30, 16 50, 16 30, 16 27½. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $10 15, 10 30, 10 15, 10 30; January $9 82½, 9 97½, 9 82½, 9 92½; May $9 47½, 9 57½, 9 42½, 9 52½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $8 47½, 8 55, 8 47½, 8 52½; May $8 65, 8 72½, 8 62½, 8 67½.

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MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 27.

STEAMSHIPS.

Vera, (Br) 1,854 tons, Bennett, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Zeeburg, (Dutch) 1,958 tons, Stasse, Heide & Co.

Riverton, (Br) 2,236 tons, Williams, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Foster Rice, (Br) 179 tons, Brinton, J T Riley & Co.

Venus, 194 tons, Foxwell, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Lady Shea, (Br) 151 tons, Munro, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

BARQUES.

Nellie Troop, (Br) 1,317 tons, Nobles, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—198 bales cotton.

W. & W. Railroad—762 bales cotton, 2 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,405 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 66 barrels rosin, 105 barrels tar, 32 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—164 bales cotton, 28 casks spirits turpentine, 278 barrels rosin, 21 barrels tar, 11 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—2,529 bales cotton, 32 casks spirits turpentine, 344 barrels rosin, 218 barrels tar, 44 barrels crude turpentine.

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If there is any secret which Uncle Sam jealously guards, it is the process of manufacturing the fiber paper upon which his money notes are printed. He pays a Massachusetts firm a big price for it, and this firm does its work under the surveillance of a government agent. The paper is manufactured of the finest rags, cleaned, boiled and mashed into pulp. As it is rolled into thin sheets silk threads are introduced into it by a secret process. These are the distinguishing marks making imitation of the paper well nigh impossible.

The sheets of paper, already counted twice and placed in uniform packages at the paper mill, are stored in a treasury vault and issued to the bureau of engraving and printing as wanted. Before leaving the treasury they are counted three times more, and the receiving official at the bureau must receipt for them. Then the bundles are unwrapped, and the sheets are counted twenty-eight times by a corps of women. This is to insure that each printer gets the recorded number—no more, no less. Before any employee of the division in which this paper is kept can leave for home each night he must exhibit to a watchman at the door a pass certifying that every fragment of every sheet passing through his fingers has been accounted for.

If one sheet of this precious paper be lost, the entire force of men and women having access to the room where the misplacement has occurred are kept in, like so many school children, to find it. Each sheet is issued from the vault for the printing of a definite amount of money upon it. If the lost sheet were intended to ultimately represent $4,000 worth of notes, the group of employees to whom the responsibility of its misplacement has been traced must make good that amount if they cannot locate it within a reasonable time.

Twenty-four times more are the sheets containing the printed money counted after leaving the presses. Then they are sealed in packages of 1,000, placed on racks in a drying room of 130 degrees temperature, unpacked, thoroughly examined, smoothed in powerful hydraulic presses and packed in wooden cases. These cases are hauled to the treasury in an ironclad wagon. Six guards, heavily armed, accompany this wagon whenever it makes a trip.

No attempt to steal Uncle Sam's money while undergoing any of these stages of manufacture has yet been detected. As a matter of fact, the money would be practically useless, for its printing is not completed until after it makes this guarded journey to the treasury. There the finishing touch is added in the printing of the colored seal upon the face of each note. With the six sealing presses the same precautions are taken as with the two hundred and fifty big money presses in the other building. Each sheet coming from the former has a row of notes printed upon it. The sheets are put through small machines, operated by girls, who cut out the individual notes. Even the small strips, falling like shavings from their machines, must be carefully collected, sent to the bureau of engraving and printing and there boiled into pulp. An employee found with even one of these ribbons of waste paper is liable to imprisonment for fifteen years and a fine of $5,000.

Between these different processes the paper money has been counted and recounted six additional times. Finally the single notes are placed in stacks of 100, with all of the blue numbers printed on their faces in sequence. They are then wrapped in paper, labeled, sealed with red wax and stored in the great treasury vaults. Thus each piece of paper money now in circulation has been officially counted sixty-three times.

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Indian English.

An intelligent sepoy one day came to a telegraph office in India and handed in a message to send to a station in central India. Having read the message, the operator said there was something wrong. "No, sahib; me knows English," he said. Again an attempt was made to explain to him that it was wrongly worded. "Me knows English," he declared haughtily and indignantly. "If you no send, me report Superintendent Mandalay." Thus threatened, the message was forwarded, "Come quick; father dangerously dead."

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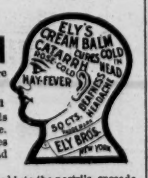

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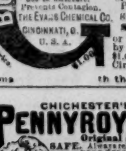

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Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS	GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	4 40	Goldsboro.....	11 05	.....
.....	4 38	Kinston.....	10 13	.....
5 40	5 50	Newbern.....	9 27	9 00
7 25	7 07	Morehead City.	7 30	7 27
P.M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 4.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 5 connects with Southern Railway train arriving at Goldsboro 4.00 P. M., and with W. & W train from the North at 5.50 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

Schedule in Effect Nov. 22.

TRAIN 39 Leaves Wilmington at 3.20 P. M., arrives Lumberton 5.44 P. M., Pembroke 6.10 P. M., Maxton 6.40 P. M., Hamlet 7.35 P. M., Charlotte 10.25 P. M.

TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5.50 A. M., Hamlet at 8.25 A. M., arrives Maxton 9.10 A. M., Pembroke 9.43 A. M., Lumberton 10.08 A. M., Wilmington 12.20 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	9.45 p m	7.40 a m
Ar Monroe	11.2 5 a m	9 15 a m
Ar Charlotte	.....	10.23 a m
Ar Chester	12.51 a m	10.30 a m
Ar Greenwood	1.55 a m	12.7 p m
Ar Athens	2.53 a m	5.58 p m
Ar Atlanta	7.35 a m	4.00 p m

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SOUTHBOUND FROM HAMLET

Lv Hamlet	9.45 p m	7.35 a m
Ar Columbia	1.15 a m	11.20 a m
Ar Savannah	2.35 a m	6.55 p m
Ar Jacksonville	7.00 a m	9.15 p m
Ar Tampa	6.15 p m	6.00 a m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	7.50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.20 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.25 p m
Ar Portsmouth	.....	5.35 p m
Ar Norfolk	7.15 a m	.....

Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	8.40 a m	7.50 a m
Ar Raleigh	1.30 a m	11.45 a m	11.10 a m
Ar Norlina	3.32 a m	1.55 a m	1.25 p m
Ar Petersburg	5.53 a m	4.07 p m	4.47 p m
Ar Richmond	6.35 a m	4.55 p m	5.40 p m
Ar Washington	10.10 a m	8.30 p m	.....
Ar Baltimore	11.25 a m	11.25 p m	.....
Ar New York	4.15 p m	6.30 a m	.....

Train 40 leaving Hamlet at 8.25 a. m. takes passengers from train 31, leaving New York at 12.35 p. m.; Baltimore at 5.45 p. m.; Washington 7.00 p. m.; Richmond 10.37 p. m.; Portsmouth 9.05 p. m.; Norfolk 8.30 p. m.; Raleigh 4.15 a. m. arriving at Hamlet at 7.00 a. m. From train 38, leaving Atlanta 1.30 p. m.; Athens 2.57 p. m.; Chester 4.15 a. m.; Charlotte 5.01 a. m.; Monroe 5.40 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 7.35 a. m.

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ATLANTIC COAST LINE.

Schedule In Effect Nov. 30, 1902.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48	No. 40
Lv Wilmington	9.30 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12.21 p m	9.38 p m
Ar Wilson	1.18 p m	10.40 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1.55 p m	11.25 p m
Ar Norfolk	5.55 p m	.....
Ar Weldon	4.53 p m	1.45 a m
Ar Petersburg	6.39 p m	3.25 a m
Ar Richmond	7.45 p m	4.07 a m
Ar Washington	11.40 p m	7.54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.33 a m	9.10 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4.05 a m	11.25 a m
Ar New York	7.08 a m	1.59 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41	No. 49
Lv New York	9.00 a m	9.30 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11.30 a m	12.10 a m
Ar Baltimore	1.44 p m	2.37 a m
Ar Washington	2.20 p m	3.45 a m
Ar Norfolk	.....	9.00 a m
Ar Richmond	6.56 p m	8.31 a m
Ar Petersburg	7.32 p m	9.18 a m
Ar Weldon	9.04 p m	11.22 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10.07 P m	12.51 p m
Ar Wilson	10.48 p m	1.40 p m
Ar Goldsboro	7.16 a m	2.55 p m
Ar Wilmington	10.10 a m	5 5 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Wilmington	6.00 a m	3.45 p m	7.00 p m
Ar Florence	9.25 a m	7.30 p m	2.55 a m
Ar Charleston	1.10 p m	11.15 p m	5.45 a m
Ar Savannah	6.35 p m	3.00 a m	7.55 a m
Ar Jacksonville	.....	9.00 a m	12.45 p m
Ar Tampa	.....	7.00 p m	10.00 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily Ex. Sunday.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	8.05 p m	9.30 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7.00 a m	7.00 p m
Ar Savannah	1.10 p m	1.15 a m
Ar Charleston	5.15 p m	6.25 a m
Ar Florence	8.01 p m	9.45 a m
Ar Wilmington	11.45 p m	1.40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

West Bound Daily.		East Bound Daily.	
Lv Wilmington	9.10 a m	Ar.	8.00 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12.21 p m	Ar.	5.00 p m
Ar Sanford	1.50 p m	Lv.	3.45 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

North Bound Daily ex Sunday.		South Bound	
Lv Wilmington	12.32 p m	Ar.	12.08 p m
Ar Newbern	3.40 p m	Lv.	9.01 a m

‡Via Wilson.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING DEC. 27.

IS NOT A FLYING MACHINE.

Dr. Alexander Graham Bell's Invention A Kite Suitable for Use as the Body of a Machine

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, who has just returned to Washington from his summer home in Cape Breton Island, tonight made the following statement in connection with reports that have appeared in the public prints that he has invented a flying machine:

"The newspapers have been premature in announcing that I have been at work upon a flying machine. I have not any flying machine at all, and have not been trying to make one.

"I am, of course, interested in the problem and have come to the conclusion that a properly constructed flying machine should be capable of being flown as a kite if anchored to the ground, and that conversely a properly constructed kite should be capable of use as a flying machine if provided with suitable means of propulsion. My experiments have had as their object the building of a kite of solid construction capable of carrying up in a moderate breeze a weight equivalent to the man and engine, and so formed that it could be suitable for use as the body of a flying machine and with supporting services so arranged that when the kite is cut loose it will come down gently and steady and land uninjured. I have successfully accomplished this, but do not care at the present time to make public the details of construction."

TRAIN WRECKED IN COLORADO.

Estimated That the Number of Dead Will Reach Twenty-five or More.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

TRINIDAD, COLO., Dec 26.—A coal miner from North of Trinidad who was taken out of the debris of the Colorado and Southern freight wreck North of Trinidad Wednesday night and died a short time later, said just before expiring that there were fourteen coal miners beside himself in the car in which he was riding and which was smashed to splinters. The ruins of this car still remain under tons of wreckage. All the men in it must have perished. It is now estimated that the number of dead will reach from twenty-five to thirty. All of the men in the wrecked car were going to Trinidad to spend Christmas. They all came from coal mining camps of this city.

COLDEST OF THE SEASON.

Temperature at Asheville Twelve Degrees Above Zero—Light Fall of Snow.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 26.—To-day is the coldest of the season in this city and vicinity. The thermometer marked 18 degrees above zero as the minimum last night. Jacksonville, Fla., reported 38 above and Savannah 34. Freezing temperature extends as far south as a line running east and west through the central portion of the cotton belt.

ASHEVILLE, N. C, Dec. 26.—The temperature here reached 12 degrees above zero this morning, the coldest weather Asheville has had this season. There has been a light fall of snow.

MAN AND WOMAN KILLED.

Gasoline and Powder Explosions on a House Boat on the Ohio River.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 26.—An Austrian woman was burned to death and a man killed by a powder explosion in a house-boat on the Ohio river near here to-day. The woman had started a fire with gasoline. An explosion followed and she was burned to death. Her husband and boarders escaped from the boat, but were unable to secure her body. One of the boarders, an Austrian, went back after some money he had hidden and was killed by an explosion of powder that he had stored in the boat.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

For the Week Ending Friday, December 26th, 1902.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending December 26th, 1902:

	1902.	1901.
Net receipts at all U. S. ports during the week ...	285,272	297,010
Total receipts to this date	4,702,695	4,567,941
Exports for week..	215,668	265,526
Total exports to date	3,247,081	3,373,471
Stock in all U. S. ports..........	1,084,264	989,243
Stock at all interior towns...........	486,882	694,151
Stock in Liverpool,	497,000	———
American afloat for Great Britain ...	295,000	———

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st, 1902: Galveston, 1,347,510 bales; New Orleans, 1,302,178; Mobile, 137,909; Savannah, 849,011; Charleston, 170,627; Wilmington, 269,203; Norfolk, 299,799; Baltimore, 12,360; New York, 27,768; Boston, 23,437; Newport News, 10,918; Philadelphia, 12,164; Brunswick, 72,472; Fernandina, 450; Pensacola, 68,179; Port Arthur, 31,661; Port Townsend, 47,611; San Francisco, 18,651; Portland, Ore., 1,541. Total, 4,702,695 bales.

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Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25 cents, at R. R. BELLAMY's drug store. †

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PRESIDENT WILL NOT ARBITRATE.

Venezuelan Controversy to be Referred for Adjudication to The Hague Tribunal.

EUROPEAN POWERS CONSENT.

The Whole Matter Discussed at a Cabinet Meeting—No Fear That the Monroe Doctrine Will be Brought Into the Controversy.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Roosevelt will not be the arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy. The whole vexatious subject will be referred for adjudication to The Hage tribunal.

Epitomized, this was the situation as it had resolved itself at the conclusion of the cabinet meeting to-day. The meeting was not so long as the sessions of the cabinet usually are. All the members except Secretary Root were present. The Venezuelan question was the principal and practically the only topic of general concern under consideration. Secretary Hay presented the results of his cable correspondence with the governments at London, Berlin, Rome and Caracas. In accordance with the suggestion made several days ago by President Roosevelt, through Secretary Hay, President Castro of Venezuela was reported to have agreed to submit the differences between his government and the European powers to the arbitration of the tribunal at The Hague. The European powers not only consented to submit the controversy to arbitration, but, while they had expressed a preference for an arbitration to be conducted by President Roosevelt, they had assented to his suggestion that the matter be referred to The Hague.

The presentation of the case met the hearty approval of the members of the cabinet. No fear is expressed by the administration that the Monroe Doctrine will be brought into the controversy in any manner that might result in an embarrassing situation for the United States. Secretary Hay is preparing a note to the powers, in which the gratification of this government is expressed for the course agreed upon by them in the settlement of the pending difficulties.

No intimation is given of the conditions which may have been imposed by the European powers or by President Castro precedent to the arbitration. It is known that Great Britain was willing to submit the subject to the arbitration of President Roosevelt practically without conditions, but the suggestion is made that one, and perhaps two, of the other powers involved proposed some conditions which might have proved embarrassing to the President had he undertaken the responsibility of determining the question.

It is understood that some money must pass, but it also is known that the amount of cash to be required of Venezuela before arbitration is not nearly so large as has been stated. It is not possible to learn either whether the allies insist upon apologies from Castro, and while it is assumed that the blockade will be speedily raised, no arrangement to that end has yet been made. The energies of the negotiators are now being devoted to the framing of what will be known as a condition protocol, and it is hoped that while this class of document does not undertake to closely define issues to be presented it will still contain a provision for the removal of the blockade.

Report Confirmed.

LONDON, Dec., 26.—Confirmation was obtained here to-day by the Associated Press of the announcement from Washington that the arbitration of the Venezuelan question is now assured and that, failing the acceptance by President Roosevelt of the invitations to become arbitrator, the matters in dispute will be referred to The Hague tribunal.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—A semi-official note published to-day says:

"As in the case of the Italian note, the British and German notes on Venezuela presented December 23rd, declare "that if President Roosevelt does not accept the post of arbitrator the powers would be prepared, subject to certain reservations, to submit the matter to The Hague tribunal."

DISCRIMINATION ALLEGED.

Complaint Filed With the Interstate Commerce Commission Against Southern Railway Company.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

WASHINGTON, December 26.—R. W. Austin, of Knoxville, Tenn., trading as the Live and Let Live Coal Company, which company he states was formed to supply coal to the poor and whose profits are devoted to the Knoxville Women's Christian Association for the Poor, has filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission, alleging that the Southern Railway is discriminating in the supply of cars for the coal trade. Mr. Austin says his company's charges are "greatly below the extortionate prices per ton exacted by the other coal dealers of Knoxville, and that these dealers have formed a combination and fixed a schedule of prices, and agreed not to sell below this schedule." The complaint alleges that in furnishing cars for the transportation of coal from the mines at Jellico, Tenn., to Knoxville and other points on the Southern and connecting lines, the defendant company is discriminating against the complainant, the consumers, and the city of Knoxville itself; that the railroad company is legally required to furnish the complainant with sufficient cars to enable it to do business and compete on equal terms with other established coal dealers in Knoxville. An investigation is asked for.

IN ACTIVE DEMAND.

Call Money in New York—The Ruling Rate Twelve Per Cent.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Call money was in very active demand to-day. The ruling rate was twelve per cent, at which level some very large loans were made. Most of the demand was due to the readjustment, which is usually made after a holiday, especially if the next business day happens to fall on a Friday. The banks very generally marked up their loans to-day, and although one or two minor transactions were reported in time money most of the banks supply was invested in call loans.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Three Firemen Killed and Two Others Badly Injured in a Big Blaze at Arbuckle Bros' Plant.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—In a fire which shot through five factories in the river front district of Brooklyn this morning, three firemen were killed, two were badly injured and more than $400,000 damage was done. The list of the dead and injured is as follows: Dead—Micheal O'Toole, fireman, water tower No. 6; Thomas Jeffriss, fireman, water tower No. 6; Battalion Chief Thomas Coppinger, of the 23d battalion. Injured—Thomas McCarthy, fireman on water tower, right leg fractured and right hip crushed; William McCooley, citizen, skull crushed.

Beginning in the cooperage plant of Arbuckle Brothers, at Plymouth and Bridge streets, within a half hour the flames were shooting from all the buildings and all the available fire engines of Brooklyn were trying to save the district. Later, engines were sent from the New York side of the river. Water tower No. 6, with Battalion Chief Coppinger in charge, was run directly under one of the walls of the cooperage works. Suddenly the wall was seen to bulge at the third story, and before the men could move it crashed directly down on them. The firemen and McCooley, a citizen, were buried and the water tower and ladders were smashed to kindling wood.

Ten minutes later the first of the men were taken out. It was the battalion chief, unconscious and fatally hurt. He died at the hospital. McCooley came next. McCarthy, who will die, it is thought, was found half under a wheel of the tower, also unconscious. The bodies of Jeffries and O'Toole were found together.

COLD IN THE NORTHWEST.

Severe Weather—Mercury Below Zero at Many Places—Coal Famine—Warmer Weather Promised.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 27.—Advices received to-day indicate severe weather throughout Kansas and Missouri. Hutchinson, Kas., reports the coldest weather in years, the thermometer at that point registering five below zero. At Atchison, five below is recorded.

At Mexico, Mo., a coal famine confronts the people. There is no more coal for sale at any of the yards and the temperature was at zero last night.

ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 26.—With the mercury at 19 below zero during the night the twin cities are experiencing the coldest weather of the present winter. Similar reports are received from all over the Northwest, but slightly warmer weather is promised.

DES MOINES, IOWA, Dec. 26—The cold weather record for the season in this section was broken to-day when the thermometer registered below zero. There has been much suffering owing to the scarcity of fuel.

LINCOLN, NEB, Dec. 26.—This morning the coldest weather for the Winter was experienced in Lincoln, the thermometer indicating eight below. Over the State and especially in the central part it was not so cold by two or three degrees. There is no wind and the cold is moderating.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec 26.—The weather is clear at noon, mercury 44.

The prediction of the government forecaster is for colder weather to-night with freezing almost to the coast.

MURDER, ROBBERY AND ARSON.

Remains of a Country Merchant Found in the Ruins of His Store.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MATTHEWS, GA., December 26.—At a late hour Christmas eve night an unknown man called at the home of Ed. Gay, six miles from here, and asked him to change a bill. Mr. Gay not having the change, walked with the man to his store, not far distant, where they entered and it is supposed the stranger then drew a revolver on Mr. Gay and forced him to open his safe, which contained $1,200. He is supposed to have killed Mr. Gay and set fire to the store to hide his crime. The store was completely gutted and yesterday the safe was found open and the skull of Mr. Gay was found in the ruins. The whole community is in a high pitch of excitement. So far there is no clue to the perpetrator of the crime.

KANSAS LYNCHING.

Negro Who Killed a Policeman Strung Up Twice and His Throat Cut.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, KAN., Dec. 25—Montgomery Godley, a colored man, was taken from the jail here to-day and lynched by a mob because early this morning he had shot and killed Milton Hinkle, a policeman, while the officer was trying to protect himself against a crowd of unruly negroes.

At the first effort to hang the negro the rope broke. Some one in the crowd then cut Godfrey's throat, severing the jugular vain. After this he was hanged a second time.

PITTSBURG, KANSAS, Dec. 26.—It is reported that Joe Godley, a brother of Montgomery Godley, who was lynched by a mob here yesterday, is wounded and in hiding at Weir City, Kansas, and later investigations of the trouble between Officer Hinkle and the Godley brothers tends to show that Joe, and not the man who was lynched, fired the shot that killed the policeman.

ON THE ISTHMUS.

Everything Quiet—No Necessity for an American Warship.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Commander Culver, commanding the gunboat Bancroft, telegraphed the Navy Department a few days ago from Colon that affairs are quiet on the isthmus and that there was no necessity for the presence of an American warship in that vicinity. In view of this report, Commander Culver was authorized to proceed with the Bancroft to Kinston, Jamaica, and thence to San Juan, Porto Rica, which is the regular station of the Bancroft. The vessel left Colon on the 24th.

Mrs. Mary Hartwell Catherwood, the well known authoress, died at her residence in Chicago last night of cancer.

Anways Croup Syrup is pleasant to give baby; cures coughs, colds and croup. Guaranteed. The only remedy made for babies coughs exclusively. Don't risk the ordinary coughs cures, they are dangerous to give baby. Robt. R. Bellamy sells Anways. †

THE WORST GALE OF MANY YEARS.

Has Done Immense Damage to Property and Shipping in Denmark.

THE STORM AT COPENHAGEN

Mills and Factories Partly Destroyed. Several Persons Killed—Many Houses Unroofed—Unsafe to Walk the Streets—Vessels Wrecked.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 26.—The worst gale of many years visited Denmark Christmas night and this morning and has done enormous damage to property and shipping. The telegraph service and railroad traffic have been interrupted and delayed. It is unsafe to walk the streets of Copenhagen owing to falling tiles, etc. Some streets were closed to traffic to avert this danger. The hospital reports show that several persons were killed and many sustained injuries in the city. The pillars holding up the overhead trolley lines were blown down and the street car service was stopped. Many houses have been unroofed and some mills and factories have been partly destroyed.

The water in the Sound rose suddenly nearly as high as it did in the great flood of 1872.

Several ships dragged their anchors and collided or were sunk in the outer harbor. The ferry service between the Danish islands and Sweden has been forced to stop. The gale was accompanied by thunder and lightning. Telegrams received here from the provinces report enormous damage to property throughout Denmark. Two boats have been wrecked off Elsinore and eight persons were drowned. Eleven men of the crew, including Captain Tobiason, were drowned in the wreck of the Norwegian barque G. S. Penry, which went ashore at Scaw. The Penry will be a total wreck and her cargo is washing ashore. Only one of her crew was saved. There was also a severe gale in the south of Sweden.

ENFORCING THE BLOCKADE.

More Vessels Seized by the Allies' Warships—Barque With Coal Turned Back—Schooners Captured.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LA GUAIRA, Dec. 26.—The Swedish barque Framnas, from Cardiff, with 475 tons of coal for the La Guaira-Caracas railroad, a British concern, arrived off this port yesterday, and was ordered to remain outside the blockade line. To-day, orders were conveyed to the captain of the barque to leave. This step was taken because the coal was considered contraband of war. The vessel was not seized, as she left Cardiff before the trouble with Venezuela commenced. The captain of the Framnas is awaiting orders from his consignees.

The Dutch consul here has asked for and obtained the permission of the commander of the British cruiser Tribune to send a schooner to Los Roques, a group of small islands about 120 miles north of here, where the charcoal burners who trade with LaGuaira are at present without provisions or water, their sloops having been seized by the blockaders. The schooner must carry a flag of truce. She can only take enough provisions to last the trip and she will remove all the inhabitants of Los Roques to Wilhelmstedt, Curaccao, and then return here.

Two schooners were captured this morning. The total number of craft taken by the blockaders is now twenty.

WARM WIRELETS.

Mrs. Langtry, the actress, was a passenger on the steamer Celtic which arrived at New York yesterday from Liverpool.

The Postoffice Department announces that in a railroad wreck at Spartanburg, S. C., Wednesday last, a part of the mail was lost or damaged.

Total bank clearings for the week ended December 27th, $1,851,694,309; increase 0 3 per cent. Outside New York, $701,557,996; increase 5 per cent.

The suit against J. P. Morgan for the alleged failure of the financier to provide heat in an apartment house in New York has been settled out of court.

British steamer Straits of Dover, from Savannah, Ga., has arrived at Bremen. The report that she was on fire December 22d when passing the Lizard was erroneous.

At Fort Valley, Ga., W. H. Wells, a carpenter, was killed by William Joiner, another carpenter, in a street difficulty. Joiner received a bullet in his breast but is alive.

A whole block of houses was burned at Wise Court House, Va., on Christmas, including the Richmond Hotel and all of the county buildings. Loss $30,000; insurance about $25,000.

A St. Petersburg Dispatch says: the Red Cross Society is sending representatives to Andijan to organize relief for the earthquake sufferers and has contributed $17,500 to the relief fund.

F. W. Pidcock, vice president and general manager of the Georgia Northern railroad, in a dispatch to the Macon *Telegraph*, denies the report that his road has been sold to the Atlantic Coast Line or any other company.

Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain, who left Portsmouth, England, November 25th, on board the armored cruiser Good Hope, landed at Durban, Natal, yesterday. They received a warm welcome.

President Dryden, of the Prudential Life Insurance Company of America, has issued a statement announcing that the plan proposed for the merger of the Prudential Company and the Fidelity Trust Company, of Newark, had been abandoned.

The will of the late Mrs. U. S. Grant shows that she died possessed of a house in Washington, D. C., valued at $40,000; money amounting to $10,065; stocks and bonds and other securities of the value of $180,000, and household and kitchen furniture of the value of $4,000.

What you pay for extracts is important, but what you get for your money is ten times more important. Burnett's Vanilla costs more because it is worth more.

No Man Can Die

Of any form of Fever who uses Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic even halfway right. It is 100 times better than quinine, and does in a day what slow quinine cannot do in ten days. Johnson's Tonic will drive out every trace and taint of Grip Poison from the blood. Write for Agency to A. B. Girardeau, Savannah, Ga. †

It Was and Is Disgusting.

The Black Maria is still out of commission and causing unsavory comment from the citizens. All Christmas day the police had to labor without it, which in one instance caused a most disgusting spectacle. Policeman Moore arrested at Seventh and Queen streets a drunken negro, Henderson Hays, and was compelled to almost drag him from that great distance to the station house. During the journey the negro cursed loud and incessantly, much to the disgust of both ladies and gentlemen.

Change of Schedule.

Owing to insufficient voltage the golf and cemetery cars will be discontinued after Saturday, Dec. 27th. This service will be resumed after the Winter months.

Passengers on the Suburban line will note this change in schedule, which takes place to-morrow. On pleasant days extra cars will be run to take care of any unusual travel. A more frequent service will be put on after the Winter months.

Presents for the Operators.

The young lady operators of the Inter-State Telephone Company were not forgotten by the subscribers. They were the recipients of many presents, as tokens of appreciation of their polite and efficient services. Of course it is a matter of considerable pride to the young ladies in knowing that their work was so satisfactory.

Church Notices.

First Baptist Church, Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D D., pastor. Usual morning and evening services to-morrow (Sunday). The former at 11 A. M. and the latter at 7:30 P. M.

Bladen Street Methodist Church, corner of Fifth and Bladen streets, Rev. Geo. B. Webster, pastor. Services Sunday 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school, J. B. Taylor, superintendent, 3:30 P. M; Mid-week praise service Wednesday 7:30 P. M. A cordial welcome to all.

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. John M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor. Divine services at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M., conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 4 P. M. Prayer meeting on Thursdays at 8 P. M. The public cordially invited to all services. Seats free.

Grace M. E. Church, corner of Grace and Fourth streets. Pastor, Rev. J. N. Cole. Services Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 8.00 p. m. Sunday School, W. B. Cooper, supt., 3.30 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting Wednesday at 8.00 p. m. A cordial welcome to all. Visitors to the city especially invited. Seats free.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick Sts. Rev. J. L. Vipperman, pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday School at 3.30 P. M. Weekly prayer and praise meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all services.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short Miscellaneous Advertisements inserted in this Department, in solid Nonpareil Type, for 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

Gas is the best means of heating the bath room—gas heaters $1 50 and up. Consolidated Railways L. & P. Co. 1t.

W. M. Cumming sells real estate. If you have any property for sale between Market street and Hilton let me know. W. M. Cumming, Real Estate Agent and Notary Public. dec 27 1t

Lost—a sable tail mink fur yesterday morning somewhere on Market, from Third to Fourth, Fourth to Red Cross and Red Cross to Oakdale. Suitable reward if returned to J. H. Hardin. dec 27 1t.

Young man wishes board and separate room in private family. Address "Board," care STAR office. dec 27 1t

Mechanics Home Association opens a new series of Building and Loan stock twice a year (January and July). The 25th series will be opened January 3rd, 1903. Payments 25 cents a share per week. N. Jacobi, President. W. M. Cumming, Secretary. we fr sa dec 10 14t

Grocery Business for Sale—Because unsuited to my taste. I will sell at cost a clean stock of Groceries and transfer lease on one of the best corners in city. Grocer, care STAR. dec 23 tf

Notice—The tug-boat LaChiquita having been sold by J. L. Russ to Peter Simpson, all persons having claims against said boat will present them to me within thirty days from the date of this notice. This the 18th day of December, 1902. Robert G. Grady. dec 19 30t

Wanted—A trustworthy gentleman or lady in each county to manage business for an old established house of solid financial standing. A straight, bona fide weekly salary of $18.00 paid by check each Wednesday with all expenses direct from headquarters. Money advanced for expenses. Manager, 350 Caxton Bldg, Chicago. dec 2 1m

Call at Winstead's for all kinds of foreign and domestic fruit; Bananas a specialty. No. 213 Market and 215 North Front street. Bell Phones 203 and 637. oc 29 tf

Sewing Machines, Typewriters, Organs and Furniture repaired, cleaned and revarnished; Upholstering done also. H J. Gruman's headquarters for Wall Paper. J. B. Farrar, No. 8½ North Second street. my 16 tf

READ DOWN.

WINTER SCHEDULE

CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS, LIGHT AND POWER CO.

Schedule In Effect Sunday, December 28.

WILMINGTON TO OCEAN VIEW. Leave. — OCEAN VIEW TO WILMINGTON. Arrive.

*1 A. M	3 A. M	5 P. M	7 P. M.	9 P. M.	Sat. only P. M	Stations.	2 A. M	4 P. M	6 P. M	8 P. M.	10 P. M	Sat. only P. M.
7.00	10.00	1.00	3.00	6.00	10.00	Front and Princess	8.30	12.30	2.30	5.30	7.20	11.00
7.10	10.10	1.10	3.10	5.10	10 10	Delgado	8.20	12.20	2.20	.29	7.30	10.50
7.12	10.12	1.12	3.12	6.12	10.12	Golf Club	8.18	12.18	2.18	5.18	7.18	10.48
7.15	10.15	1.15	3.15	6 15	10.15	Masonboro	8.15	12.15	2.15	5.15	7.15	10.45
7.23	10.23	1.23	3.23	6.23	10.23	Greenville	8.07	12.07	2.07	5.07	7.07	10.37
7.25	10.25	1.25	3.25	6 25	10.25	Bradley's Creek	8.05	12.05	2.05	5 05	7.05	1 .35
7.30	10.30	1.30	3.30	6.30	10.30	Wrightsville	8.00	12.00	2.00	5.00	7.00	10.30
	10.45	1.45	3.45	......	......	Ocean View	.....	11.45	......	4.45	......	......

Arrive. — Leave.

*Daily Except Sunday.

Trains Nos 1, 5 and 9 will carry passengers to Ocean View.

Freight received at Ninth and Orange streets from 4 to 5 P. M.

dec 27 tf

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Just Received.

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Don't be deceived by the argument that it costs less to paint your building with inferior or adulterated paint, because the paint costs less per gallon.

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High quality 10c Cigar.

"CUBAN BLOSSOM."

No better 5c Cigar.

We guarantee the sale of these goods, so if not sold we take them back. We accept the risk, you get the gain. You are safe on a trade of that kind. If the goods did not have both quality and merit we would not talk so loud. Try them for

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To Our Friends AND PATRONS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

We extend our hearty good cheer, and the Season's Good Greetings, with our sincere thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us during the past year.

We cordially invite you to

Wear Our Shoes During 1903.

Respectfully,

Mercer & Evans Co., Same Old Place.

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20,000 O'POSSUMS.
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5,000 SKUNKS.
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1,000 OTTERS.

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1,293 Bags 8 3-3 Guano.
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1,484 Bags 13 per cent. Acid.
1,001 Bags 14 per cent. Acid.
1,897 Bags C. S. Meal.

Best prices, Cash or Time.

W. B. COOPER, Wholesale Grocer, Wilmington, N C.

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A delicious treat for the holidays.

Fine dressed Turkeys, Chickens and Eggs.

All kinds of choice Family Groceries.

Cheapest Grocery in the city.

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In buying your toys we would ask you to compare our prices with other's prices. In dolls, we have the handsomest line we have ever had. Nice jointed dolls, 14 inches long, at 25c each; 15-inch kid dolls at 25c each; kid dolls with hair at 12c each. Very handsome handwork dolls, with natural hair and sewed wigs, jointed, at $1.00, $1.70 and $2.00. With long flowing curly hair and movable eyes, as pretty as a dream, at $2.75 and $3.50 each. For the boys, air rifles, foot balls, games, express wagons, drums and plenty of fireworks of all kinds.

And the best thing of all, we have a big stock of Boys' Clothing that we bought at 25 per cent. less than value. An all wool suit, nicely made up, as low as $2.00 and up to $5.00; 500 suits to select from. In Boys' Pants, we have the best stock we have ever had, made from mill ends of American Woollen Company's cloths, every pair made with tape seams throughout and warranted not to rip. We sell them for 50c a pair. A nice line of Boys' White Laundried Waists at 50c; heavy Cheviot Waists at 25c each.

Ladies' ready-to-wear Hats—We are having a regular Hat sale; a very large line that we are selling at less than manufacturer's cost. Nice pretty hats at 48c; regular $1.50 hats for 75c and 89c; our $1 hats are $2 values. In this line we consider we are selling them at half-price.

Received to-day, a big line of birds and parrots—good black parrots 50c each; large birds are 69c and 98c each. In veilings we have lots of different styles; chiffon veilings with dots at 25c per yard, in all colors; pretty silk veiling for 10c per yard.

In ladies' Cloaks we have had a phenomenal success this season; we have carried the stock of the town. Just received, 21 new cloaks to-day. Our prices are what counts—when a customer gives us an opportunity to show our goods and make a price we never fail to make a sale.

We have good beaver coats in red, blue, tan and black, at $2.98. A line of black beaver coats in the newest shapes at $3 50; better coats at $5, $6 and up to $10 each.

In furs we are showing a nice assortment and selling them at the lowest prices. If you are thinking of buying a fur, come to see us—the prices run from $1 to $5 each.

Trunks and Valises—These make valuable presents. We have a nice line of very fine Trunks that would be a credit to give your friends. We have a line of the best roller tray Trunks, worth $9 to $15 each. Splendid canvas Trunks, with brass locks and heavy straps, at $3 and up to $5 each. Nice heavy leather Suit Cases for $6.95, regular $10 cases. Club Bags, all leather, from 85c to $4 each; imitation leather, from 29c to 98c; imitation leather Suit Cases for $1.50 each.

In our Men's Clothing Department our sales have been the best we have ever known. In this department we credit our great success to the style, quality and fit of our goods and the last and best feature is, we undersell our competitors. We can fit you in a suit anywhere from $1.98 to $12.50; we would like for you to look at them before you buy elsewhere. Men's Overcoats, we have all grades and kinds, all prices, from $3 to $12 50 each. We also have a line of Rubber Clothing; men's water-proof coats, rubber lined, at $1.50 each; Mackintoshes, with cape, at $1.39 each; Ladies' Gossamers at $2.50 and $3.50 each; a workingman's coat for rainy weather at $1.50 each; a doctor's or sea captain's coat, absolutely water proof, for $5.

We want to impress on your mind that while we handle a big line of toys and holiday goods we also handle a big line of other goods for every purpose and we punch cards and give you presents free. Come and see us.

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Wilmington's Big Racket Store,

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$25.00 Hats at $15.00.
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Men's large Initial Handkerchiefs 10 cents.

Men's all Silk Handkerchiefs 2 for 25 cents.

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Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs 5, 10 and 25 cents.

Large all Silk Mufflers 50 cents to $1.50.

Men's all Linen Handkerchiefs 25 to 50 cents.

We have a few Monte Carlo Coats in Tan, Ecru and Brown at $7.00 to $13.50. A big line of all colors in Coats at $2.50, $3.50, $6.00 to $12.50.

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